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ON RECENT VISIT TO WINDHOEK THREE PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WERE IDENTIFIED FOR STUDY PROGRAM. POST URGES THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO PROCESS THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 1977 ENROLLMENT. POST WILL EVENTUALLY FORWARD STANDARD IIE APPLICATIONS BUT IN INTERIM WILL FORWARD COPIES OF LOCAL APPLICATIONS. MEANWHILE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT EXPLORE PROSPECTS FOR PLACEMENT WITH IIE. FIRST CANDIDATE ALREADY HAS BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH AVERAGE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. URBANUS B. DAX HAS VERY STRONG REFERENCES AND APPEARS ABLE AND MATURE. SECOND CANDIDATE HAS COMPLETED THREE YEARS ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY CAPE. NIKOLAUS BESSINGER THEN HAD TO DROP OUT DUE TO FAMILY REASONS. SUBSEQUENTLY HAS BEEN WORKING FOR ARCHITECTURAL FIRM IN WINDHOEK. WHEN HE RECEIVES DEGREE HE WILL BE FIRST BLACK IN NAMIBIA TO BE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED IN ARCHITECTURE. PERSONALLY HE WAS MOST IMPRESSIVE CANDIDATE INTERVIEWED. IF UNABLE ACCOMMODATE HIM BECAUSE OF HIS SUBJECT FIELD, UNDER SPECIAL FUNDING, WE SHOULD BE ABLE FUND HIM UNDER REGULAR PROGRAM. THIRD CANDIDATE, CHEDEKIAS AXARA TSOWASEB, COMPLETED TWO YEARS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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AT UNIVERSITY ZULULAND, BEFORE DROPPING OUT DUE TO CLOSURE THAT UNIVERSITY. (AS THERE IS GENERAL MOVEMENT IN NAMIBIA TO BOYCOTT SA APARTHEID INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BLACK UNIVERSITIES, CANDIDATE IS ADVERSE TO RETURNING TO ZULULAND). CANDIDATE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

ONE MAJOR PROBLEM RELATING TO CANDIDATES FROM NAMIBIA IS THAT THERE ARE NO TESTING FACILITIES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE THERE. AS WINDHOEK IS APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND MILES FROM NEAREST TESTING CENTER AND AT COST BEYOND CAPACITY OF THESE STUDENTS, TO PAY, POST WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DIRECT THEM TO NEAREST CENTER. EITHER ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR WAIVER OF THESE EXAMS OR ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EMBASSY OFFICER TO PERSONALLY ADMINISTER NECESSARY TESTS IN WINDHOEK. ALL THREE CANDIDATES HAVE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH IN JUDGEMENT OF EMBASSY INTERVIEWING OFFICER. BOWEDLER

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